215070US0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Banqiu WU, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/982,190

GAU:

1753

FILED:

October 19, 2001

EXAMINER: MUTSCHLER, B. L.

FOR:

PRODUCTION, REFINING AND RECYCLING OF LIGHTWEIGHT AND REACTIVE METALS IN

IONIC LIQUIDS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a three month extension of time be granted to June 9, 2004 for

filing a response to the Official Action dated: February 9, 2004 responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated: filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed. responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated: filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed. filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

06/10/2004 HVUONG1 00000165 09982190

01 FC:1253

950.00 OP

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon

Registration No. 55,868

Customer Number

Fax. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 05/03)